

AN AMERICAN
EXPOSITIONTo be Held on the
Niagara Shore.The Exhibits to be Strictly
American.Canada, Mexico, Central and
South America to be
Largely Represented.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—A delegation representing the officers and directors of the pan-American Exposition Company called upon the President yesterday and laid before him the plan of the exposition which is to be held at La Salle, on the Niagara river in the summer of 1899.

The chief object of the exposition is to promote the export trade of the United States on longitudinal lines and supplement the work that has been done by the government within the last ten years through the international American conference, the reciprocity treaties, the bureau of American republics, the Manufacturers' Association, the Philadelphia Museum and similar enterprises.

The proposed exposition is to be held on an exceedingly picturesque site on Niagara river a short distance from the falls.

It is intended to be purely an American exposition. While exhibits from foreign countries will not be declined, no formal invitation will be sent to any government outside the American hemisphere. It is expected that Canada, Mexico, Central America, South America and the West India colonies will be represented by larger displays illustrating their natural resources and industries better than ever before.

President McKinley will send a special message to congress on this subject shortly after the opening of the next session.

Ketcham's Will Filed.

CHICAGO, November 27.—The will of the well known club man, John B. Ketcham, was filed in the probate court this afternoon. The document disposes of an estate of \$235,000 to Mrs. Minnie Wallace Ketcham, whom he married secretly at Milwaukee shortly after a divorce from his Toledo wife. Before the Milwaukee ceremony Mrs. Ketcham was the widow of the ex-mayor of Emporia, Kan., for whose alleged poisoning she was some years ago acquitted after a sensational trial.

A Sensible Recommendation.

FORT TOWNESEND, November 27.—A telegram received here today from Washington states that Major General Nelson A. Miles has submitted to the secretary of war a letter in which he recommends that Fort Townsend be occupied by troops immediately.

Burglars Captured.

LOS ANGELES, November 27.—Two burglars who turned a trick at Prescott, Ariz., on the night of the 7th inst., when they secured about \$1000 worth of jewelry from H. Lemons' store, have been arrested here and about \$400 worth of the stolen property recovered. The men gave their names as James Miller and George Jannet.

AFFAIRS AT IONE

Governor Budd Investigates
the Industrial School.Damaging Testimony Furnished
as to the Cruel Treatment of Boys.

SACRAMENTO, November 27.—Harry R. Bernard, who was until one week ago the secretary at the Preston school of industry at Ione, today forwarded to Governor Budd an extended report of his observations at the school. The report was made at the request of the governor.

Accompanying the report was a number of affidavits to prove that the boys in the school have been treated in a most shameful manner. Dr. E. R. Endicott, a prominent physician at Ione, makes oath to the brutality of Superintendent E. S. O'Brien towards a wounded boy in the hospital of the school.

Captain Hawks, Captain Ginn and Captain Hanson make affidavits to various acts of cruelty, including the beating of boys into insensibility, and until blood ran down their backs, and the rubbing of salt into the lacerated flesh to add to the intensity of the pain.

It is also alleged that boys are kept chained up to an iron post in the tower of the school. An affidavit is also made that one day Superintendent O'Brien, in a fit of uncontrollable anger, grabbed up a cane and beat a boy over the head with it until he broke the weapon.

INDIGESTIBLE CAKE.

Muriatic Acid and Watch Spring
Saws as Ingredients.

LOS ANGELES, November 27.—An attempt to assist some of the prisoners in the county jail to escape has just come to light. The details of the plan have been jealously guarded by the officials of the jail, but Sheriff Burr this morning reluctantly admitted that there had been cakes loaded with muriatic acid sent to some of the prisoners but that they had been detected before getting into the hands of the prisoners.

A cake recently sent to the jail contained four bottles of muriatic acid, as well as several files. The evident purpose of the acid was to eat away the bars so that watch spring saws could readily cut the bars. It is known that a woman is implicated in the plot and sensational developments are expected.

Systematic Mail Robberies.

SACRAMENTO, November 27.—The post-office officials of this city are now engaged in unravelling a mystery connected with the robbery of Uncle Sam's mails. Local officials are reticent as to the facts concerning the loot of the mails. In a yard adjoining the postoffice yesterday evening a bundle of unopened letters were discovered. They were from Sacramento business men and addressed to various parts of the state. They had been extracted from the office before they could be postmarked.

Wages Maintained.

NEW YORK, November 27.—The situation in the clock-making trade was considerably cleared today when five of the largest concerns assented to the Brotherhood of Clockmakers that they would neither lockout nor cut down the wages of their employees. These five firms employ about 50 per cent of the labor, and it has been feared that on the expiration of the peace contracts they might wage an aggressive campaign against the brotherhood.

Why Parkhurst Was Sad.

NEW YORK, November 27.—The Rev. Dr. C. P. Parkhurst, who has been traveling in Europe, arrived in this city today. He has fully recovered his health. He said it made him "unspeakably sad" to learn that New York and San Francisco were in paroxysm.

A BEAR GARDEN

More Noisy Wrangling in
the Reichsrath.Austrian Legislators Who Seem
to Have Taken Leave
of Their Senses.

VIENNA, November 27.—The bear garden scenes in the lower house of the Reichsrath were continued today. When the president of the house, Dr. Abrahamovics, appeared there was a chorus of "abraham upon you" from the Leftists accompanied by a deafening noise of whistles and clapping of hands. Many of the Leftists gathered in front of the president's platform shouting and blowing tin trumpets and whistles, while the president was ringing his bell for order. This scene lasted about a quarter of an hour, during which time the president remained seated. Then he suspended the sitting.

As President Abrahamovics was leaving the house a number of Leftists pelted him with paper balls. Thereupon the president returned and stood unmoved as the house was filled with the noise caused by trumpet blowing, hand-clapping, on the part of the Rightists and other disturbances. After waiting ten minutes, the speaker continuing, the President left the platform.

During his absence the noise was not abated. Dr. Wolf, the German nationalist leader, and one of the suspended members of the house, entered about that time, but was forcibly ejected from the house by the police, at which he offered a violent resistance. According to an account Dr. Wolf had to be gagged and was afterwards bundled into a cab and taken to the police station.

At 1:40 o'clock the vice-president appeared and declared the sitting closed, adding that the date of the next session would be communicated to the members by letter. Of the fifty-one persons arrested during the street demonstration here yesterday thirteen have been sent before the provisional tribunal charged with causing an illegal assembly and with holding the authorities up for contempt. One was charged with public violence, two were denounced to the public prosecutor for interfering with official acts, fifteen have been fined and one has been acquitted. The cases of the rest have not been decided.

A delegation of the opposition leaders of all sections waited upon Count Radoni, the premier, before today's session of the lower house, and urged him to put an end to the imbrolio. Count Radoni told the leaders that there would be no sitting of the house on Monday if today's session was not quiet.

Dr. Langner, the anti-Semite Burgo-master of Vienna, also visited the premier and represented to him the dangerous temper of the populace, saying that the people were becoming more and more excited and that something must be done if serious trouble was to be avoided.

After today's session the majority parliamentary committee met and resolved to defer planning its course until the government communicated its intentions to the house.

A crowd of students during the afternoon assembled on the Reichsrath and indulged in demonstrations until they were dispersed by the police.

Killed Himself While Insane.

MONTEBELL, November 27.—The coroner was notified today that Mrs. Thomas J. Crispin had shot and killed herself at the "Horr" ranch, twenty miles distant. It is supposed that she was temporarily insane. Her husband is a well known ranch owner.

Last Silver Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 27.—Silver bars, 85 1/2 c; Mexican dollars, 47 1/4 c; drafts, 15 c; do telegraph, 17 1/2 c.

MORE DOCKS
ARE NEEDEDThe American Navy
Is All Right.But Facilities Are Lacking
For Repairs.Secretary Long Shows All the
Details of Our Strength and
Weakness.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—The annual report of the secretary of the navy, Hon. John D. Long, was made public today. He states in it that the present effective fighting force of the navy consists of four battleships of the first class, two battleships of the second class, two armored cruisers, sixteen cruisers, 117 gunboats, six double torpedos monitors, one ram, one dynamite gunboat, one despatch boat, one transport steamer and five torpedo boats. There are under construction five battleships of the first class, sixteen torpedo boats and one submarine boat. There are sixty-four other naval vessels, including those used for training, receiving and naval reserve ships, large, disarmed single torpedos monitors and some unserviceable crafts.

There is, further, the auxiliary fleet. This consists, first, of more than twenty subsidized steamers which comply with the requirements of the postal act of March 3, 1891, with regard to their adaptability to naval service, and to an armament of main and secondary batteries; second, of a much greater number of merchant marine steamers, which can be availed of at any time if needed.

After reviewing the naval programs of the principal foreign powers, the secretary says that it appears from the report of the bureau of yards and docks that the most urgent need of the naval service today is an increase of docking facilities.

Of the eleven government dockyards on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific coast—three were designed to accommodate battleships of the first class, one at New York, one at Port Royal, S. C., and one at Bremerton, Wash., on Puget Sound. But the dock at New York has been for some months in need of repair, and at the dock at Port Royal there is not only an insufficiency of water, but the cross section of the dock is too small to safely admit battleships with big keels afloat.

On the Pacific coast there is but one dock of sufficient size to dock a modern battleship. This is on Puget Sound, 900 miles from San Francisco. Access to it is through a narrow channel twenty miles long, one side of which is in possession of a foreign country. This lack of docking facilities should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. The necessity is imperative. He therefore recommends that the report of the special board appointed by the department in August last, which will be presented to congress as soon as it meets, be substantially carried out.

Secretary Long estimates the running expenses of his department for 1898 at \$19,837,153, and for 1899 at \$22,232,728. His estimates for the increase of the navy for: 1898, \$51,210,000; 1899, \$50,023,001.

EVENLY MATCHED

"Republicans" vs. Will &
Fincks Today.The Baseball Sharps Predict the
Closest Game of the
Season.

The Will & Finck baseball team arrived in Fresno last night and appear to be in fine condition for today's game with the Republicans at Athletic Park. The visitors have been here before and know they will have to play ball this afternoon. They do not propose to take any risks and are determined to win by hard and fast ball playing.

Mertes will play third base for the Republicans. He has been coaching and practicing with the boys during the past week and is well pleased with the work of the team. He intends to remain with the Republicans during the present season.

Today's game promises to be the closest of the season, as the teams are about evenly matched. Both the Republicans and the Will & Fincks are stronger than when they crossed last a few weeks ago. "Hook" Chance and "Southey" Thompson take great pride in keeping up the reputation of the team and their own playing will be as scientific as any that has been witnessed in Fresno for some time. Both are in the very best condition for the game today.

The usual admission price, 25 cents, will be charged and this will afford everyone an opportunity of attending the game. Ladies will be admitted free to the grand stand. The game will be called at 2:30 sharp. Following will be the line-up:

REPUBLICANS.	Will & Finck.
Wagoner.....Pitcher.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Catcher.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....First base.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Second base.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Third base.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Outfield.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Infield.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Pitcher.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Catcher.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....First base.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
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Wagoner.....Outfield.	Knell or Fitzpatrick
Wagoner.....Infield.	Knell or Fitzpatrick

HORTICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Question of Its Judicial
Powers is Tested.

LOS ANGELES, November 27.—Deputy District Attorney James has filed an appeal from the decision of Judge Van Dyke in the case of Los Angeles county vs. W. D. Spencer et al.

Judge Van Dyke's decision declared that the act giving the horticultural commissioners the right to fumigate private orchards without the consent of the owner was unconstitutional. The court held that the decision as to what constituted a public nuisance lay within the province of the court. The district attorney maintains that there is no attempt to confer judicial power on the commissioners, that they are simply exercising the police power vested in bodies delegated to perform certain functions by the legislature.

Train Robbers Captured.

DENVER, Col., November 27.—A special to the *Republican* from Albuquerque, N. M., says: District Attorney Fincal of this city today received a telegram from Dalma Graham, the constable at Bisbee, Arizona, saying that he had arrested the train robbers who held up the Santa Fe Pacific passenger train at Grants three weeks ago. There are three of the robbers, Jessie Williams, Tom Anderson and an unknown man. The crime was committed in Valencia county in the judicial district and District Attorney Fincal is now preparing the papers to have the robbers extradited from Arizona to this territory.

California's Golden Jubilee.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 27.—The committee of eleven, appointed by Jacob Nell to represent the California Miners' Association in the approaching celebration of California's golden jubilee, met today. It was decided that the association should take entire charge of the exhibit and fair, and a committee be appointed to confer with the directors of the Mechanics' Institute regarding the details of the proposed exposition.

TOO MUCH RUM.

Wholesale Smuggling Into
Alaska.Governor Brady Suggests a Num-
ber of Beneficial Legisla-
tive Changes.

SEATTLE, November 25.—In an interview tonight, Governor John G. Brady of Alaska said: "The business men and officials of Alaska are concerned in effecting some change or amplification of the laws as they are at present in force. They will combine to submit to congress a proposition to authorize the appointment of a commission which can consider the needs of Alaska."

"My idea is the commission should consist of a senator, a representative and three bona fide residents of Alaska. If we are able to get a commission something may be accomplished for the practical good of the territory. Otherwise time devoted to Alaska will be frittered away in the consideration of individual bills of no benefit to the country as a whole."

"Many think Alaska should have a territorial form of government. The objections to this are manifold; chief among them is the sparse population of the country. A territory means taxation, and the people are not there to be taxed. It would be of little avail to submit to congress recommendations for a change in the code now in existence. These things must be investigated by a commission which can ascertain the needs of the people by personal observation. We want an extension of the land laws, the status of the natives declared, the regulation of the fish industry, the right of appeal and laws for the preservation of game. The singular evil should be dealt with by the commission. Last year 21,000 gallons of Canadian whisky were smuggled into Alaska."

Knocked Out by John Bartley.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 27.—Johnny Griffin, known in the world of sports as the "Haitian Lion," appeared before Judge Campbell today charged with being a common drunkard. Martin Murphy and other friends addressed the court and informed his honor that they had purchased a ticket and intended to start the pugilist on his way East on Monday's steamer. Judge Campbell then made an order committing the defendant to the receiving hospital until the time for his departure.

The Ethiopian Baptists.

Rev. H. W. Gray of the Ethiopian Baptist church will at once begin the circulation of a subscription list to raise \$1000 to pay for the third Southern Methodist house of worship, which is now situated on F street, and which the Ethiopian Baptists have purchased from Joseph Spinnery. Rev. Gray appeals to all Christians to assist him in the work for the church.

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unt collar, would be cheap at \$10, for this sale
\$7.50.At \$10—Ladies' Fine Kersey Cloth Jackets, cut
in the latest fashion, with slashed collar, colors
tan, green, navy blue and black, worth \$15, at
\$10 each.An elegant line of Novelties in Russian Blouses,
Capes, Jackets, etc.

A Few Shoe Specials.

Our Shoe Department is steadily increasing its already large business. Low Prices and Good
Values are doing it.Men's Fine Sateen Calf Congress or
Lace Shoes, in narrow, square or pointed
toes, our regular \$2 shoe. For this sale,
\$1.50 a pair.Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Button or Lace
Shoes, with extension soles, fancy stitching,
cloth or kid tops. Our regular \$3.50
\$1.50 shoe. For this sale,
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The REPUBLICAN's full market reports are appreciated by both producers and dealers.

Now that football has invaded Mexico maybe the populace can be weaned from the bullfights.

Oh, yes, indeed, the REPUBLICAN has drawn upon Stockton for some very excellent newspaper talent. It was the genuine article, too, not nine parts of egotism and impudence to one of common sense.

People of small means pay an undue amount of taxes in many cases, but it is a mistake to suppose that they pay all of them. For instance, "Uncle Dave" Jacks, the Monterey plotter, has just paid the first installment of \$5000 on his annual taxes. That amount would come pretty nearly paying the taxes of all the country editors in California.

The senate of the Fresno high school after discussing the question of street crossings has decided that Mariposa street should be bridged across the tracks of the Southern Pacific railroad. The high school senate is decidedly on the right track, though there is room for discussion as to whether Mariposa is the best street for such a crossing and also as to which would be more satisfactory, a bridge or a tunnel. That there should be a safe crossing of some sort is not a debatable question.

A Kansas school teacher the other day sent home three pupils who ate onions, their breath being offensive to her. It seems to us that the Board of Education of this teacher's district should suggest to her the advisability of stuffing her nostrils with perfumed cotton and breathing through her mouth. The odor of onions must not be permitted to interfere with the work of teaching the young idea how to shoot. If disagreeable odors were permitted to interfere with the course of business life would be one long holiday.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN intends soon to visit Mexico. As Mr. Bryan during the campaign of 1896 held up Mexico as a model for the United States to pattern after, it is not impossible that he will be so pleased with the conditions in the sister republic that he will make his home there. In time he would no doubt take out citizenship papers, run for president and, perhaps, be elected. The truth is we should much prefer to see Mr. Bryan president of Mexico than of the United States, though we hasten to assure our southern neighbors that we haven't a thing against them.

THE TAX COLLECTOR'S DUTY.

When you see it in the *Expositor* be sure that it's so. The *Exposing Paper*. When you see it in the *Expositor* and it is about a REPUBLICAN official you may be sure, in nine cases out of ten, that it is malicious perversion of fact if not downright falsification. In its issue of Friday that paper stated that the pool rooms which have failed to pay their county license had opened business on the 1st of October and at the latter date owed the county \$550. This is an utterly baseless fabrication, and the evening paper knows it to be such. Notwithstanding its admitted knowledge of the facts (according to its own statement the pool room not having opened for business until nearly a month later), it resorted yesterday that the above amount of license is due the county. It makes this preposterous assertion because the city license taken out by the pool room people on the 18th of October was dated back to the first of the month, or the beginning of the license quarter, such license being required by the city to be paid quarterly.

The *Expositor* understands perfectly well that the county cannot collect a dollar of its daily license except for the time that a business is in operation. No sane person would claim that the dating back of a city license to the beginning of a quarter would give the county any ground for demanding the payment of license from that date, and the *Expositor* would make no such claim except for the purpose of creating an unfounded prejudice against the tax collector because he is a Republican.

There is due from this poolroom firm a license of \$15 a day from the time it opened business, and it having refused to pay the tax collector, it now becomes the duty of the supervisors to take action to enforce its collection. The tax collector's information, as stated to the *Republican* yesterday, was that the poolroom business opened on the 1st of November. It now appears that two or three days' business was done by the firm prior to that date, of which fact the collector was not informed, and his notification to the Board of Supervisors will require amendment to the extent of including these two or three days of delinquency.

As to the duty of the tax collector in the premises it is made perfectly clear in the ordinance prescribing it. He has no power whatever to enforce the collection of licenses. The course to be pursued in collecting delinquent license is in the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, the duty of the tax collector being to give the board information regarding delinquencies on the first Monday of each month.

There is no reason to doubt that License Collector Brown has acted conscientiously and in entire good faith in

this matter. When he learned that the pool rooms were in operation he went to them and demanded the payment of the license. His information was that they opened business on the first of the present month, as he has filed a notice of their delinquency for the information of the supervisors, and without doubt that body will act promptly in the matter.

As to the declared purpose of the pool room operators to secure a reduction of the \$15 a day license, the *Republican* very earnestly hopes that nothing will come of it. The firm makes the statement that it cannot continue to operate under the existing license, which, if true, should furnish the supervisors with the strongest incentive to maintain it. Pool room gambling is not wanted in Fresno, and if the present license is prohibitory, that reason alone is sufficient for keeping it in full force and effect.

DURRANT'S THANKSGIVING.

From San Joaquin comes the gratifying information that Mr. Theodore Durrant spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day. His parents visited him and they had a delightful little family reunion in the office of Captain Edgar, the gentleman whom cruel Judge Torrance recently fined \$150 for failing to hang Mr. Ebanks, who was unfortunate enough many moons ago to kill a more or less useful member of society. After the departure of his parents Mr. Durrant partook of an "elegant collation," as the society reporter puts it. Here was the bill of fare:

Chicken Soup
Roast Turkey and Dressing
Cranberry Sauce and Mashed Potatoes
Mince Pie, Citron Cake
Nuts and Coffee.

We do not say that this dinner compares with the one dispatched by Mr. George Gould last Thursday, but it is in all respects fit for a person of Mr. Durrant's distinction; indeed, in our opinion it was a grave oversight to omit such "dietetical elegance" as oysters on the half-shell and a delicate lobster salad, and a little essence to go with the coffee might also have been provided. But the facilities of the kitchen at San Joaquin are probably not equal to turning out a bang-up, restaurant meal. However, if we make the allowances circumstances demand, we must acknowledge that Warden Hale did very well; and we hope that he is not torturing himself with the thought that Mr. Durrant was not altogether satisfied with his Thanksgiving dinner, for that gentleman's motto is *noblesse oblige* and he regards with a noble compassion the shortcomings of those who have not had his opportunities.

But if his Thanksgiving dinner filled Mr. Durrant's heart with a subdued joy and his stomach with ten-cent turkey, the approaching disappearance from this earthly stage of Mr. Ebanks and Mr. Alexander, two of his most cherished companions, must read his breast with anguish. While they will jump into eternity from a platform next Friday, he will be left to face the terrors of old age unless, indeed, the state supreme court relents and allows him to be "railroaded" to the yellow. Perhaps he might be reconciled to his sad lot if Mr. Hale promised him a better Thanksgiving dinner next year.

"STILL IN THE RING."

Judging from the address issued by Chairman Bynum of the general committee of the National Democrats that faction of the Democratic party is determined to stand by its principles come what may. Chairman Bynum sees encouragement in the result of the recent elections, pointing out that the silver organizations lost the states of Ohio and Maryland, while in Kentucky the silver candidate had a majority of only 123, with 80,000 electors, a majority of whom he believes were for sound money, not voting. The National Democratic vote of the state was twice as large as it was last year, declares Mr. Bynum, while the loss in the free silver vote was 40,000. In Iowa, the chairman continues, the Democratic sound money vote was an increase of 25 per cent in that vote. In Nebraska the free silver vote was reduced, while South Dakota deserted the cause.

The defiant attitude of the National Democrats and their determination not to make peace with the silver faction except upon their own terms are plainly expressed in the concluding paragraphs of the address, which are as follows:

The efforts of the National Democratic organization last year were to lead in gathering the ranks of the nation from disunion; its mission in the future will be, if possible, to preserve the true principles of Democracy until judgment and reason shall again dominate the councils of the party and its ancient creed be restored to its platform. Then, and not until then, will the work of the National Democratic party be accomplished and its organization cease to be an independent one. The former the convictions and the bolder the courage of National Democrats the sooner will the country be freed from the blighting influence of impeding disaster. No compromise with disunion or surrender of principle to expediency is the Shibboleth of the National Democracy, and each and every member of the party should stand by his convictions and redoubt his efforts to uphold the principles he believes to be indispensable to the preservation of the rights and properties of the people.

The Oakland *Examiner* says that the fruit region of Niagara county, New York, is now penetrated by a trolley road connecting with the New York Central railroad. A peculiarity of the road is that it runs through the farms forty rods back from the highway and so affords ample room for freight shipments without interfering with ordinary travel. In one day as many as nine hundred loads of freight were shipped over this electric feeder, and during August and September the average was nine cars a day. The motor car draws seven loaded

freight cars with ease and the saving to fruit growers and farmers in money and time is considerable. The *Republican* should like to see the colonies surrounding Fresno traversed by an electric railway that would accommodate both passenger and freight traffic. As a feeder to the two steam railroads we believe it would do a large amount of business and prove a paying investment. The electric power is here, but we are still waiting for men of money shrewd enough to take advantage of this opportunity to augment their wealth.

The English bimetalists are adding to the difficulties that are at present obstructing the way to an agreement by differing widely as to the proper ratio. One element stands by 16 to 1, another prefers 15 to 1, while still others believe that the best policy would be to commit the movement to a ratio approaching the commercial value of silver. There is conservatism and safety in the latter policy, but it will be looked upon with disfavor by the free coinage advocates in this country, who contend that this government alone can safely open its mints to the silver of the world at the present ratio.

Readers of the *Republican* will regret to observe the absence of the usual letter from A. J. Waterhouse in these columns and to know that its absence is due to the writer's ill health. The *Republican* is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Waterhouse in which he states that he has been unable to do his usual work on account of his affliction with a very severe cold. The *Republican* prescribes a vacation in the genial climate of Fresno for its friend A. J. W.

RANDOM REMARKS.

A German musical composer struck a critic recently and was sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment. Musicians don't strike critics in Fresno. They just "jaw" at them until the critics have to flee from the windy attack.

Senator Mason says that an executive session of the Senate is often ordered to enable members to enjoy a smoke before adjournment. Since the public provides the time for this harmless amusement it might as well furnish the cigars, too.

The football men have been aroused by the attack upon their game and are now calling attention to the fact that during October there were 818 bicycle accidents, resulting in 50 deaths. This is almost as bad as the Greco-Turkish war or a season of the Anatolian Reichsrath. Down with the bike!

President McKinley has refused to sit for that gold statue, and now those western millionaires who were to furnish the material of which it was intended to fashion it are left with a million dollars worth of bullion on their hands. Their case is a sad one, indeed; still the President cannot be blamed. He took a sensible course.

Either Governor Stephens of Missouri plagiarized the Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Pingree of Michigan or Governor Pingree plagiarized Governor Stephens'. Each governor says that his proclamation is the original one, and the reasons advanced by each in support of his claim are equally strong. In view of this the public will have to conclude that it is merely a case of great minds running in the same channel, though it may turn out that both Pingree and Stephens appropriated their proclamation from some other governor.

Assistant Director Hilschhoff of the Vienna observatory says that Astronomer Fall's mistake in assuming the public that the earth would come into collision with Tempel's comet on November 13th, was due to a slight error in his calculation. In the early part of his lecture he said that the comet would be 18,000,000 kilometers separated from the earth and the comet. The truth seems to be that those comets know when they're well off. The comet that took a notion to rub shoulders with the earth would probably have a mighty unpleasant experience of an hour, as the *Exposing Paper* says. The earth in a pretty good center itself, and the comets will do well to continue running round the sun.

Miss Jolly Has Returned.
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The Fresno Traction and Irrigation Company (a corporation) plaintiff, vs. F. Hoffman, John Rice, Richard Rice, Jane Rice and Mary Rice, defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the said defendants are hereby summoned to appear before the undersigned at the court house in Fresno, California, on the 1st day of December, 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and to show cause why the same should not be granted.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 28th day of November, 1897.

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